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National Rifle Association and Their
Prospects.

Comparisons of the American
Team.

National Rifle Association have brought to us a very brilliant season and inaugurated a one that gives promise of attracting nearly equal attention from the young men throughout the country. The merit of rifle shooting does not merely lie in the amusement it affords or the rest derived from open air exercise, but in the fact that it is developing an army of marksmen who lend an unerring eye and a steady hand to their country needs their assistance. During the past six months a spirit of rivalry has sprung up between the members of the different regiments of the National Guard, and the result has been highly commendable, as shown by the scores kept by the different teams on repeated occasions.

Unfortunately, the movement on the part of National Guardsmen to avail themselves of the range to become perfect masters of the rifle has been confined to individual members, instead of being a regiment en masse.

National Rifle Association has done a great deal during the past year to encourage the

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active marksmanship, and it is to be hoped will respond by doing all in their power to its support. Many will probably be astonished to hear that the total receipts of the past

derived by the association, for the maintenance of the association will be no amount more than the annual subscription to the association per annum, but when a company in a region in a body the subscription is reduced half, as the association conclude that not than half the members will make use of range at Creedmoor. There are now four companies of the seventh regiment, one company of the thirty-third regiment and one company of the thirty-fourth regiment. The total annual subscription of each regiment enrolled in association. In fact, the annual subscriptions do not go anywhere near paying the expenses, the association has been run this year chiefly by life subscriptions of \$25 that have been paid by certain members. They have been in such financial difficulties that when pressed for money the officers of the association have been obliged to go through the treasury and to go to the members in order to supply the treasury with money. Next year, unless the annual subscription falls up immensely, they are going to have to come up to get along, as the November elections all hopes of an appropriation when the

as soon as possible, and the association is now promoting any grant or contribution by the State, county or city in aid of any association, corporation, etc. That law was signed the 1st of January, and therefore we have no hopes of their receiving the \$7,500 as so well put out on the new buildings, repairs, etc. of embankment and other unavoidable expenses necessary for the preservation of the site at Creedmoor.

As regards the association are very heavy, they have to pay the salaries of an assistant physician, superintendent of the range and two foremen that are constantly on duty. They also have to pay for the food in proper condition as markers at the targets. They have also a rent, stationery, etc. that help to swell the bill. In consequence of this the association made by the State this year the National Association has been allowed the use of the range, and the association has been able to continue its privileges notwithstanding the fact that they receive no further appropriations.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, composed of the Mayor and five members by the National

association, have authorized the Board of Apportionment to appropriate \$8,000 for their benefit. Under the plan, the individual contributions to the fund, if the donor is a member of the association, there is a probability of association having some funds to keep the fund at Crediton for its own use. Crediton is deserted, as it is only patronized now by members of the team and some few farmers. The intention of the association is to keep up the OLD TEAM organization, and to add to their number, so as to make it a two or three horse team. They wish to have one of their number as captain, probably Ed Girdlesleeve, as Colonel Wingate has decided to get out of country horse raising. This team will practise pretty lively during the winter, and then in May it is expected to have a grand contest with all the teams in the western states. It will be invited. They are to go to Ireland in June will then be selected the riflemen making the best scores at that time.

team, among whom are several gentlemen about to shooting for money, has been considerably agreed that the forthcoming match between the Irish and American teams be for a cup or badge, and not for a money prize. The League cup will be the prize for a shoot for the championship. The winner is allowed to hold the cup for one year and will receive it with a gold medal as trophy of his victory. The cup will probably be shot for in the latter part of May. It will be open to competition of all clubs in the interest now taken in rifle shooting.

men. Such action complicates affairs in an unnecessary manner, as those targets are not bulwark, counterforce or strategic. The only reason to compare their shootability that done on the Creedmoor targets that the three divisions—bulwark, centre and counterforce—of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and the Canada, and, in fact, are only at the English rifle shooting headquarters in England. To this it is to be noted that the men are so very expert as to invariably hit the centre of their target, but it would probably been more expensive to build a target that is not in the centre of the target in common use to jump for those especially constructed for

is of known fact. The movement is on foot to arrange a RINNING DEER are at Creedmoor for a mark to shoot at on. The job of figure is on a truck that is on in raise up and down an inclined plane. have a deer as a mark at Wimbledon that is on an eccentric, that it gives a jump in a few days. The Marksmen are allowed to shoot with a double-barrelled rifle, and are fined for ball they put in the hind quarter.

PRESS NOTES.

Raleigh *Seminal* is in the market. None but eluded democrat need apply.

label case of George F. Anthony against Sol in Kansas, has been discontinued at the Kansas State Fair. There was a cloud over the Low Ball "Brawl".

Eastern paper accuses one Bill King of doing things in the Washington lobby, and he responds by saying that bliking never was a extraordinary thing in Washington.

Eastern editors think that between Katie King and the King of the Sandwich Islands their Eastern men must be in the enjoyment of any amount of spiritual *seances*, with aldermanic *seances* and sleigh rides thrown in.

It is a very unkind remark of the Memphis *she* about a brother of the quill "—The *nooga Times* indignantly denies that its inspiration is drawn from this or that *tr.*" Of course not; everybody knows that it is drawn from one end of a barrel, and that he is a *tr.*"

—Puakea Island of the North Pacific to Nohobono.

ned G. M. Drake in the Lincoln *Spy*. They did to be perpendicular democrats. We prefer, therefore, that their course will be to hoist colors to the peak, up braces and bid all opponents to "look out for the engine when the engine blows."

Unconnected editor writes home that he was talking with Mark Twain through one of the stratas of this city when a boy with a very fine face, but with a head showing remarkable geological developments, attracted their attention. "What an extraordinary head!" said the newspaper man; "what boy has a regular Colonel's head?" "No doubt," replied Mark. "There's no doubt as to it."